

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECRET

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 1 December 1951, 40 to 42 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, probably Pe-2s, were parked in two rows in front of the hangars at Cottbus airfield. The hangars were closed. There was no flying. No construction was in progress. There were no runway lighting facilities.

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2. On 2 December, 40 to 43 Pe-2s were observed parked in two rows in front of the hangars at the field. During the preceding week no flights were made except on 1 December when individual take-offs were made by several Pe-2s. There were showers, a low cloud ceiling and visibility was limited to about 2 km. There was an increase in driver training courses among the pilots. Russian women wearing uniforms were observed for the first time as student drivers.

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- * Comment. The report confirms that Cottbus airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with Pe-2s.

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